

Summary of Governor's Workshop
"Minimizing Water Use in Development"
April 17, 2006
Tucson, Arizona

The focus of this second in a series of workshops on encouraging water conservation and reuse was on careful water planning for sustainable communities. Trevor Hill of Global Water and Bill Ring of YDK Development spoke about the economics of reclaimed water in a development's design and planning. Mark Apel, Cochise County Planning Manager, talked about how Cochise County is incorporating water conservation in its planning and zoning for new development. Finally, John Wesley Miller put it all together with his discussion of his development at Armory Park del Sol in Tucson, a development designed to maximize energy and water efficiencies

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The main points emerging from the workshop included:

1. The State needs to take the lead in developing incentives for investing in basic and advanced reclamation instead of a local provider having to go city by city. Provide a roadmap to bring people along.
2. The State needs to reconcile its regulatory approaches among the ADWR, ADEQ and ACC to encourage use of reclaimed water. Regulations need to change to make greater use of reclaimed water.
3. Growth should not be unmanageable. Policy should follow practice. At the county or regional level, a land use/density/ water conservation framework can be designed by which development decisions need to be made.
4. Follow the 3 C's: Collaboration, Communication and Consideration. Work with Homebuilders' Association and the home-buying public. Don't need to be opposing forces.
5. Energy efficiencies go hand-in-hand with water efficiencies.